

In the exemplary embodiment the printer 122 operates to print indicia on the paper to produce the receipt. The printing is generally controlled responsive to the processor such that the length of the receipt when printed does not extend substantially outward beyond the lower edge 119 of the overlying member 30. With the receipt in this position as shown in Figure 39 a user is enabled to extend their thumb or other finger through the aperture 125. As a result the receipt is engaged in sandwiched relation between the finger of the user and the exterior wall surface 121 of the control panel underlying the receipt.

In the Claims

Kindly substitute the following amended claim 6 for pending claim 6:

6. (once amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the exterior wall includes an opening, and wherein in step (c) the receipt extends through the opening, and wherein the overlying member extends from generally above the opening to an edge positioned below the opening, wherein the aperture extends below the opening, and wherein in step (d) the receipt is moved downward by movement of the finger in the aperture.

Kindly substitute the following amended claim 7 for pending claim 7:

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7. (once amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the overlying member is disposed in proximity to the exterior wall such that a receipt extending therebetween cannot be manually grasped with fingers prior to moving the receipt by engagement with a finger through the aperture, and thereafter further comprising manually grasping the receipt.

Kindly substitute the following amended claim 9 for pending claim 9:

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9. (once amended) The method according to claim 1 and further comprising the step of:

✓ cutting the receipt with a cutter, wherein movement of the receipt in step (d) is operative to cut the receipt.

Kindly add new claims 17-18 as follows:

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17. (newly added) The method according to claim 16 wherein the overlying member includes a generally downward facing edge, wherein an opening is formed between the edge and the exterior wall, and wherein in step (b) the receipt is removed in a generally downward direction through the opening.

18. (newly added) A method comprising:

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- (a) extending a printed receipt intermediate of an exterior wall of a deposit accepting machine and an overlying member, wherein the overlying member includes an aperture therein sized for accepting a finger of a user, wherein the exterior wall includes an opening, wherein the overlying member extends from generally above the opening to a generally downward facing edge positioned below the opening, wherein the aperture extends below the opening;
- (b) moving the receipt in sandwiched relation between a finger extended in the aperture and the exterior wall to remove the receipt from between the exterior wall and the overlying member, wherein the receipt is moved generally downward by movement of the finger in the aperture, wherein the overlying member is disposed in proximity to the exterior wall such that a receipt extending therebetween cannot be manually grasped adjacent the edge with fingers prior to moving the receipt by engagement with a finger through the aperture;
- (c) subsequent to (b), manually grasping the receipt.